



Vietnam Veterans In Canada

General Meeting (2005-09)

AGENDA 472

28 April 2005

*British Columbia Regiment (DCO)
Beatty Street Armoury
620 Beatty Street
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada*

**Call to Order at 1930 hours
(Sergeant at Arms)**

Moment of Silence

United States Military Casualty Reports
Received since 14 April 2005

(Reading of the Names)

Spc. Manuel Lopez III, 20, of Cape Coral, Fla., died April 12 in Baghdad, Iraq, when his HMMWV was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade. Lopez was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Cpl. Michael B. Lindemuth, 27, of Petoskey, Mich., died April 13 as a result of wounds received from enemy mortar fire at Camp Hit, Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Inspector/Instructor Staff, 3rd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Akron, Ohio. During Operation Iraq Freedom, Lindemuth was attached to Regimental Combat Team 2, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

Capt. James C. Edge, 31, of Virginia Beach, Va., was killed April 14 by enemy small-arms fire while conducting combat operations in Ramadi, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. During Operation Iraq Freedom, Edge was attached to 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

Spc. Aleina Ramirezgonzalez, 33, of Hormigueros, Puerto Rico, died April 15 in Tikrit, Iraq, when a mortar struck her forward operating base. Ramirezgonzalez was assigned to the 3rd Brigade Troop Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Pfc. Steven F. Sirko, 20, of Portage, Ind., died April 17 in Muqdadiah, Iraq, of non-combat related injuries. Sirko was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga.

Pvt. Aaron M. Hudson, 20, of Highland Village, Texas, died April 16 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries sustained April 15 in Camp Taji, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his patrol. Hudson was assigned to the 401st Military Police Company, 720th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas.

Pvt. Joseph L. Knott, 21, of Yuma, Ariz., died April 17 in Baghdad, Iraq, when his convoy was attacked by enemy forces using small arms fire and an improvised explosive device. Knott was assigned to the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colo.

Sgt. Angelo L. Lozada Jr., 36, of Brooklyn, N.Y. Lozada died April 16 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, while conducting combat operations. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Hovey, Korea.

Sgt. Tromaine K. Toy Sr., 24, of Eastville, Va. Toy died April 16 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, while conducting combat operations. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Hovey, Korea.

Spc. Randy L. Stevens, 21, of Swartz Creek, Mich. Stevens died April 16 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, while conducting combat operations. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Hovey, Korea.

Pfc. Sam W. Huff, 18, of Tucson, Ariz., died April 18 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries sustained on April 17 in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near her HMMWV. Huff was assigned to the 170th Military Police Company, 504th Military Police Battalion, 42nd Military Police Brigade, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Cpl. Tyler J. Dickens, 20, of Columbus, Ga., died April 12 at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, of injuries sustained April 6 in Al Mahmudiyah, Iraq, when his guard tower caught fire. Dickens was assigned to the Army's 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Irwin, Calif. The incident is under investigation.

Maj. Steven W. Thornton, 46, of Eugene, Ore., died April 18 in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, when he collapsed during physical training. Thornton was assigned to the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Cpl. Kelly M. Cannan, 21, of Lowville, N.Y. Cannan was killed April 20 as the result of the detonation of an improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. As part of Operation Iraqi Freedom his unit was attached to a 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

Lance Cpl. Marty G. Mortenson, 22, of Flagstaff, Ariz. Mortenson was killed April 20 as the result of the detonation of an improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. As part of Operation Iraqi Freedom his unit was attached to a 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

Spc. Jacob M. Pfister, 27, of Buffalo, N.Y. Pfister died April 19 in Baghdad, Iraq, when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated near his dismounted patrol. He was assigned 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, and Fort Stewart, Ga.

Pfc. Kevin S. K. Wessel, 20, of Newport, Ore. Wessel died April 19 in Baghdad, Iraq, when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated near his dismounted patrol. He was assigned 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, and Fort Stewart, Ga.

Pfc. Gavin J. Colburn, 20, of Frankfort, Ind., died April 22 along a supply route in Iraq when an improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy vehicle. Colburn was assigned to the Army Reserve's 542nd Transportation Company, Kingsbury, Ind.

Pfc. Robert A. Guy, 26, of Willards, Md., died April 21 as a result of a non-hostile incident near Al Karmah, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. Anthony J. Davis Jr., 22, of Long Beach, Calif., died April 23 in Mosul, Iraq, when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated near his Stryker military vehicle. Davis was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash.

Seaman Aaron A. Kent, 28, of Portland, Oregon, died Apr. 23, from an improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations near Fallujah, Iraq. Kent was assigned to 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Spc. Robert W. Defazio, 21, of West Babylon, N.Y., died April 24 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, of non-combat related injuries. Defazio was assigned to the 23rd Ordnance Company, Miesau, Germany.

Spc. Gary W. Walters Jr., 31, of Victoria, Texas, died April 24 in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV. Walters was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Cpl. Kevin W. Prince, 22, of Plain City, Ohio, died April 23 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries sustained in Iskandariyah, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV. Prince was assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Irwin, Calif.

1st Sgt. Timmy J. Millsap, 39, of Wichita, Kan., died April 25 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries sustained in Taji, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV. Millsap was assigned to the 70th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Fort Riley, Kan.

This brings the total U.S. deaths to 1628 plus those who died prior to 29 May 2003.

Introduction of Scheduled Guests, New Members, and Visitors

None scheduled

Announcements and Acknowledgements

President's Remarks

(W. Carmack, USMC, Ret.)

1st Vice President's Remarks

(K. Payne, USN)

2nd Vice President's Remarks

(K. Lang, AUS)

Chief of Staff's Remarks

(S. O'Grady, AUS)

General Collection

Minutes of the previous meeting

Chief of Staff.

Administrative Items (S-1)

1. 2005 VA Guide to Veterans Benefits now available.

Firebase Canada 2006 (Nelson)

1. Next Meeting with Our Way Home Reunion, 02 May in Vancouver.
2. Report of G. Flowers – Arlo Guthrie Concert

Report of the Quartermaster

(Senior Chief Mac McInnes, USN Ret)

None presented.

Vietnam Veteran Representative for "Friendship Village" presentation

30 April, Castro Theatre, Commercial drive, Vancouver, B.C.

New Business from the Floor:

The next General Meeting is 12 May 2005 at 1930 hours at the British Columbia Regiment.

Vietnam War Missing in Action Servicemen Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced today that the remains of four U.S. servicemen, missing in action from the Vietnam War, have been identified and are being returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

They are:

Marine 2nd Lt. Heinz Ahlmeyer Jr. of Pearl River, N.Y.;

Marine Sgt. James N. Tycz of Milwaukee, Wis.;

Marine Lance Cpl. Samuel A. Sharp Jr. of San Jose, Calif.; and

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Malcolm T. Miller of Tampa, Fla.

Ahlmeyer, Tycz, and Miller will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery on May 10. Sharp was buried Saturday in San Jose and will be honored at the Arlington ceremony.

The four men were part of a reconnaissance patrol operating near the U.S. Marine base in Khe Sanh, Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam. They came under enemy attack shortly after midnight on May 10, 1967, while occupying a defensive position. During the firefight Ahlmeyer, Tycz, Sharp and Miller were killed. The patrol's surviving members were rescued by helicopter later that morning but the bodies of the four men could not be recovered.

In the fall of 1991 several Vietnamese citizens visited the U.S. POW/MIA office in Hanoi claiming to have access to the remains of U.S. servicemen. One of the men provided skeletal and teeth fragments.

Between 1993 and 2004, eight joint U.S.-Vietnamese teams led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) interviewed witnesses and surveyed the skirmish area. Two other joint teams conducted excavations during which material evidence and remains were recovered. After extensive analysis, scientists from JPAC identified Ahlmeyer, Tycz, Sharp and Miller.

Of the 88,000 Americans missing in action from all conflicts, 1,835 are from the Vietnam War, with 1,398 of those within the country of Vietnam. Another 748 Americans have been accounted for since the end of the Vietnam War.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO Web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo> or call (703) 699-1169.

[Web Version: <http://www.defenselink.mil/releases/2005/nr20050425-2804.html>]